

January 26, 2012

Candidate Selection Committee
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Re: Commissioner of Political Practices

Please accept my resume and cover letter as an official request to be considered the next Montana Commissioner of Political Practices. I believe that this office has one of the greatest responsibilities of any in Helena: to defend and promote a free, fair and transparent election process so that we are able to maintain an ethical and strong electoral system.

It is imperative that candidates for office, and organizations and people that want to influence elections, be subject to full disclosure and reporting of funds as well as meet the highest ethical standards of conduct. The integrity of our system is damaged each time a person or organization attempts or succeeds in violating our election laws. Citizens depend on and demand non-partisan, unbiased information about their candidates.

I believe that this office has the potential to become even more effective in the enforcement of Montana's election laws and I will advocate for increased resources to this end. I will investigate and rule on complaints in a timely and impartial manner that will not leave candidates feeling as if their complaints do not matter.

My ethic of hard work and attention to detail as a small-business owner and my experience as a political candidate will be a great asset in making this office a viable and relevant part of the political process. I look forward to working with the Committee to provide any additional information necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra M. Bonogofsky